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SUBJ: INITIAL ISRAELI REACTION TO RABAT SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY. INITIAL OFFICIAL ISRAEL REACTION TO RABAT SUMMIT IS MAINLY ONE OF "WAIT AND SEE". PRESS EDITORIALS ARE UNIFORMLY PESSIMISTIC RE EFFECTS OF SUMMIT ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. CABINET SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS SUMMIT NOV 1. END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS STUDIOUSLY NOT RPT NOT YET REACTED TO RESULTS OF RABAT SUMMIT CONFERENCE. PRESS QUOTES PM RABIN AS TELLING MEETING OF ALIGNMENT FACTION MKS OCT 29 "THE WINDS THAT ARE BLOWING FROM RABAT MAKE IT NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH AND PAINSTAKING EXAMINATION RATHER THAN TO SHOOT FROM THE HIP; THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO STUDY THE SUBJECT BEFORE

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BRINGING IT BEFORE THE KNESSET". IN SIMILAR VEIN, GOI PRESS

OFFICE RELEASED TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT BY FONMINISTRY SPOKESMAN WHICH STATED, "THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE ON ITS REACTION AFTER STUDYING THE FINAL STATEMENT OF THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN RABAT." FONMIN SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO REITERATE GOI CONDEMNATION OF UNGA RECOGNITION OF PLO.

3. EDITORIALS IN DAILY PRESS OCT 30 ARE UNIFROMLY PESSIMISTIC IN INITIAL ASSESSMENTS OF EFFECT OF RABAT ON COURSE OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. TYPICAL EVALUATION IS THAT OF HAARETZ, WHICH STATES BEGIN QUOTE RABAT'S RESOLUTIONS STILL LEAVE A BARE POSSIBILITY OF SOME FEDERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A PLO-RULED WEST BANK AND JORDAN, BUT ON THE WHOLE MAY BE READ AS SENTENCING THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM TO DISMEMBERMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONFERENCE HAS PROCEEDED WITH OPEN EYES TO BAR ALL PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS IN THE SECOND GENEVA STAGE. DOING SO MEANS PREPARING FOR A MILITARY SOLUTION...ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, BUT ASKING HER TO ACCEPT THE PLO AS HER EASTERN NEIGHBOR MEANS CONFRONTING HER WITH THE NEAR-CERTAINTY OF FURTHER ARMED CONFLICTS. ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT TO RULE A MILLION ARABS, BUT TO HAVE THEM JUST ACROSS THE BORDER UNDER PLO RULE IS NO ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. END QUOTE. RABIN CONTRIBUTED TO PESSIMISM BY SAYING TO MK'S, "THE DIFFICULT PERIOD AHEAD MAY WELL BRING CHANGES THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY FAVORABLE".

4. SEVERAL WRITERS ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO WASHINGTON REACTION TO RABAT, IN PARTICULAR TO POSSIBLE EFFECT ON ANTICIPATED EARLY VISIT BY SECRETARY. JERUSALEM POST (BLITZER, FROM WASHINGTON) CITES AMERICAN SOURCES AS SAYING THE ARABS MAY HAVE REACHED SECRET ACCORDS AND THE US WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL ALL FACTS ARE ASSEMBLED. BLITZER ALSO STATES "IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED HERE THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT CANCEL HIS VISIT TO THE AREA NEXT MONTH." HAARETZ LEAD STORY (GOLAN), HOWEVER, SAYS, "GOVERNMENT CIRCLES EVEN THINK DR KISSINGER MAY POSTPONE HIS VISIT AND PREFER TO HAVE TALKS IN DEPTH WITH ISRAEL AND THE ARABS BEFORE COMING TO THE MIDDLE EAST, SINCE HIS PREVIOUS SCENARIO HAS ALMOST CERTAINLY BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS."

5. PRESS ALSO IS SPECULATING, WITH THUS FAR MIXED RESULTS, ON UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBLE SHIFT IN US ATTITUDE TOWARD PLO. YEDIOT (GUNEY) BELIEVES THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT POLITICAL PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH ITS REAL OPPONENTS (PLO) WILL GROW. HE ADDS THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE AMERICANS WILL TELL ISRAEL TO AT LEAST CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF CONTACTS WITH PLO. DAVAR EDITORIAL, ON OTHER HAND, AGREES THAT THIS MAY BE ARAB HOPE BUT FINDS IT UNREASONABLE PROSPECT AT THE MOMENT. KEATING

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